

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Bates, et al.  
SERIAL NO : 09/879,710  
FILED : June 12, 2001  
TITLE : S-METHYLCYSTEINE, S-ETHYLCYSTEINE, AND RELATED  
S-ALKYLTHIOLS AS ANTAGONISTS TO THE EFFECTS OF  
S-NITROSOTHIOLS AND NITRIC OXIDE

Grp./A.U. : 1651  
Examiner : Mueller  
Conf. No. : 3776  
Docket No. : P04852US0

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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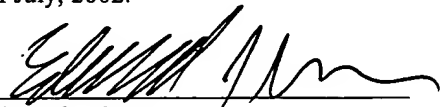
Sir:

In response to the communication from the Examiner dated April 23, 2002, a final rejection, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment After Final Rejection be entered and made of record pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. It is believed that the following amendments and remarks place the application in a form for allowance. No new matter is presented, as such it is believed the amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

**In the Claims**

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this document and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on this 2 day of July, 2002.

  
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